

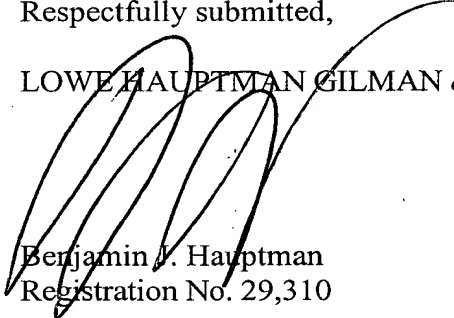
REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependencies of claims 5, 7 and 8 and avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Verified with markings to show changes made".

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5. A tool according to claim 1 [any one of claims 2 to 4], wherein the engagement means comprises means for gripping the piston at its forward end portion when in its forward position within the barrel assembly.

7. A tool according to claim 5 [or claim 6], wherein the gripping means comprises balls arranged around the axis of the piston to engage a peripheral surface of the piston, said balls co-operating with an inclined surface to force the balls into gripping engagement with the piston upon rearwards movement of the gripping means relative to the piston.

8. A tool according to claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 7], further comprising piston retention means to retain the piston in its rearmost position after resetting, said retention means acting in response to rebound of the piston from its rearmost position as a result of the sudden thrust used to effect resetting.